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EVERYBODY AGAIN MACKEREL HAPPY NO ARRIVALS

IN HERE TODAY

Vessels Strike Schools Off Chatham and Four Make Fine Hauls.

Some real good mackerel news has been received from the seiners operating off Chatham and Round Shoal buoy, by the arrival of four of the fleet with some dandy catches made Monday and Tuesday.

The fortunate ones are schs. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Ambrose Fleet, which arrived here yesterday afternoon with 10,000 pounds of fresh medium mackerel and 230 barrels of salt ones; sch. Romance, Capt. John Hickey, 260 barrels salt; sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, Capt. Thompson, at Boston today with 30,000 pounds small fresh mackerel and two barrels salt. At Nantucket yesterday was sch. Arthur James with 250 barrels of salt mackerel, the craft having taken 200 barrels Tuesday, a dispatch says.

Schs. Mary E. Harty and Arthur James took their fares off Chatham. The Harty went out of here August 13 and after leaving Barnstable Bay went to Middle Bank, thence to Chatham, where she landed on fish Monday and Tuesday. The crew get around a big school, only to find that they had also entangled with a sunken derelict, probably an old coaster, which tore the seine badly. Fish could be seen everywhere but the school was lost and the crew spent four hours in repairing the damage. The craft also tore her mainsail, but in spite of the handicap, hustling Capt. Fleet kept on the trail of the fish, and finally earned his reward, taking her fare in four schools, Monday and Tuesday.

Sch. Arthur James also profited by being on the ground and took 209 barrels. She had some fish before this and went in to Nantucket, where the crew dressed fish until dusk.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson took 30,000 pounds of fish, and rushed them to Boston, where they sold this morning at nine cents a pound.

The Harty a Fishy Looking Craft.

Sch. Mary E. Harty arrived here yesterday afternoon and took out her fresh fare at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company's wharf. She was the fishiest looking craft of the season here, for in addition to her fresh ones, and those that had been salted and barreled, her dories, tubs, etc., were full of fish that had been kenched. Later they were packed in barrels upon reaching the wharf of her owner, William H. Jordan.

Sch. Arthur James had plenty of barrels aboard and it is supposed that Capt. Devine will take another look and if he takes any fish will market them fresh.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John F. Vautier was obliged to return to port today on account of engine trouble.

The news that the fleet had found the fish again was greeted here with much eagerness, yesterday. While the good news was known to some no confirmation could be received until afternoon, shortly before the arrival of sch. Mary E. Harty.

Capt. Fleet reports seeing lots of schools and they could be seen all day long.

For the first time in many weeks, not an arrival of any description was reported here up to noon today.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

No arrivals today.

Vessels Sailed.

Steamer Lois H. Corkum, seining.

Sch. Pythian, seining.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining.

Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

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Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock \$2.50.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Flitch halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 2c per lb.

Salt medium mackerel, \$17.75 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut 7c per lb. for white, 5c for small gray, 3c for large gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 1/2 freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white 7c for small gray and 5c for large gray.

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Outside of fresh mackerel, groundfish trips were on hand about 150,000 pounds among them. Quotations, wholesale were \$3.50 \$3.75 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$4.50 to \$5 for large and \$2 to \$2.25 for market cod, \$2 for hake, \$2 for pollock. Opening sales of fresh mackerel were 6 1-2 cents a pound, but later arrivals sold at 5 cents.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Surf, 40,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 22,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 2000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Str. Dolphin, 10,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. R. J. Killick, 8000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Independence II, 8000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Joanna, 28,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. A. B. Nickerson, 18,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Mildred Agnes, 5000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, to \$2.25; hake, \$2; pollock, \$2; small fresh mackerel, 5 cents and 6 1/2 cents per lb.

Northern Fish Report.

Ss. Sagona, Capt. N. Kennedy, arrived here from Labrador on Saturday evening. She made all ports of call going north as far as Nain. From Square Islands north, ice was met in great quantities and the ship was caught in Grosswater Bay and delayed for a day and a half. She reported fish from Pack's Hr. down and a sign at Turnavick and Makovic. The return trip a little better was being done, fish having struck from Cape Harrigan to Grady and Makovic. From Bird Islands at Turnavick traps were taking from about 10 to 30 quintals a haul. Duna at Makovic had about 400 quintals ashore. At White Bears, Holten and other harbors there was barely a sign. Between Grady and Battle Hr. there is no improvement and the catch this time in the season has never been known to be so small, the highest being 100 quintals and from that down. No traps have been set at the Islands as they cannot be worked owing to ice, which keeps moving in off so that it is a great risk to twine in the water. All the boats have gone north and there are several bankers on the coast who have absolutely nothing. The Sagona brought one wrecked crew south; it belonged to Trinity and lost their vessel by striking a rock near the entrance of Venison Islands. From Twillingate south there is a slight improvement in the fishery, but whole prospects are, to say the least, very poor.—St. John's Herald, July 21.

Schooner Daisy Sold.

The halibut schooner Daisy, owned by Capt. Olaf Johnson of Seattle, on June 23 sold to a cold storage company which has been formed to operate at Newport, on Yaquina Bay, Ore. The Daisy is a 3 dory vessel and new owners will operate her on sea fishing banks lying outside Yaquina. Capt. Johnson will be in of her.

Portland Fishing News.

The little fishing steamer Emily, which came in Wednesday with a fare of 25 barrels of blueback herring, also had on deck one of the largest horse mackerel ever seen at this port. The big fish was found entangled in the herring net and after being hauled alongside put up quite a fight before he succumbed to repeated thrusts with lances at the hands of the crew, the seine being quite badly damaged by the mackerel in its struggles to escape, the capture being made off Half Way Rock. The fish was sold to F. S. Willard & Co., and shipped to the New York market. Horse mackerel of the size of the one landed Wednesday are seldom seen in this vicinity, but the local fishermen tell of a still larger one which they say was caught in the Crockett weir, Sharp Island, on Sunday last. The fish measured nine feet and three inches in length and weighed 1000 pounds, being unquestionably the largest of the species ever seen on the Maine coast. He was harpooned a dozen times before he finally threw up his flippers.

N. F. Fishery Report.

Bonne Bay—Wind north-west, fine. No change in fishery. Schs. Mayflower and Mereld arrived from Straits with 8 and 49 qtls. respectively.

King's Cove—Nothing done by the fishermen operating.

Twillingate—The average catch for traps 6 brls.—jigger 1-2.

Bonavista—Stiff north wind, four small fishing boats lost at Bayley's Cove. No squid yesterday, no fish with hook or jigger, but traps at Newman's Cove and Bonavista have done fairly well lately, getting from 5 to 10 qtls. a day the last few days, but only a few traps out.

Heart's Content—First squid for season jigged today, fish scarce.

Harbor Grace—Bait scarce, hook and line 1-2 to 1 qtls.; no fish with traps.—St. John's Herald, July 21.

NEW PIER HAS 6 MACKEREL FARES

Fresh mackerel dominated the market at the fish pier, this morning, six of the fleet of steamers making some nice hauls yesterday of small fish.

The largest fare was that of steamer Joanna, hailing for 28,000 pounds, while steamer A. B. Nickerson was next with 18,000 pounds. Others arriving were steamers Dolphin, R. J. Killick, Independence II. and Mildred Agnes.

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PACIFIC HALIBUT FIRMS INDICTED

On July 15 the federal grand jury at Seattle returned indictments against the following fishing companies and individuals:

Booth Fisheries Company of Delaware; Booth Fisheries Company of Washington; Chlopeck Fish Company of Seattle; International Fisheries Company of Tacoma; San Juan Fish Company of Seattle; and Occidental Fish Company of Seattle.

The individuals included are W. T. Hunter, manager Booth Fisheries Company, Seattle; William Calvert, Seattle, president San Juan Fish Company; H. O. Roberts, buyer for San Juan Fish Company; W. J. Madson, of the International Fisheries Company, Seattle, and A. B. Carpenter, president of the Booth Fisheries Company, whose present headquarters are Chicago.

The indictment, which is nearly 50 pages long, recites in detail the rise of the several companies from what, at first, were small beginnings to be the controlling factors in the halibut industry for the whole country, and in substance alleges that these several concerns and the individuals indicted conspired to control and limit the supply and price of halibut taken from the waters of the North Pacific and North Atlantic oceans and the Bering Sea, shipped through the markets of Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, B. C., Prince Rupert, B. C., and Boston; to control the price paid independent dealers for their fish by making exorbitant and unreasonable bids against them; to control the price by refusing to bid against each other; to control by distribution of halibut through the markets by pretended competition against each other; to control prices by refraining from good faith competition in markets allotted by agreement among themselves, and to control markets and prices by intimidation and coercion of independent dealers.

While this journal carries no brief for the indicted companies and individuals, who, if guilty, should be punished, yet it is well for our readers to remember that under our laws all are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty, and that the indictments returned by the grand jury are based mainly upon the testimony produced by the government alone, which would naturally show but one side of the case, the defendants not being permitted to present their defense before the jury, and it is possible that when the cases are tried in court, when the government's witnesses will be subjected to cross-examination by the defendants' counsel and the latter also permitted to introduce evidence in their own defense, that they may be able to convince the court and jury of their innocence.—Pacific Fisherman.

U. S. Andrew Kelly to Use Long-Line.
The Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, of Prince Rupert, B. C., are outfitting their steamer Andrew Kelly as a long-line fisherman. After this change-over is completed all three of the company's steamers will be long-line fishermen.

Newfoundland Fishing News.

August 8th—From J. E. Long (Jean de Bay to Beau Bois)—The total catch is 6,857 quintals and for last week 2,060. No traps but 10 dories and skiffs, with 43 boats are fishing. Three bankers with catches of 550, 200 and 50 quintals respectively have arrived. There is some codfish, but no bait, there being no sign of squid to date. The catch above, 500, 200 and 50 qtls., was taken by Cape boats and bankers, the last six weeks.

August 15th—From S. E. Chafe (South Head of Briggs to Bay Roberts Point)—Prospects are not encouraging and there is no bait. From all parts of this district, the report is, "next to no fish being taken with traps this week and hook and liners have done nothing. The outlook is gloomy." The total catch is 600 qtls. and for last week 20. Nine traps are in the water, and 55 punts and skiffs fishing.

August 15—From W. White (Port Rexton to Trouty)—One schooner returned from the grounds with 150 qtls. Prospects are fairly good and there is plenty of caplin for bait. The total catch is 1915 qtls. and for last week, 585. Forty dories and skiffs, and 35 traps are fishing. The past week's fishing has been the best for the season and reports from English Harbor to Ireland's Eye give the catch as above the average both with hook and line and traps. At Dunfield the traps have done exceptionally well this week.

Aug. 15th, from W. Hogan (Frapeau to Peter's River)—No traps are out but 35 dories and skiffs with 7 boats are fishing. The total catch is 13,300 qtls. and for last week 300. No bankers or schooners from the grounds have arrived. Prospects are not good. There is no squid and herrings are very scarce. Dogfish are still numerous and troublesome. Codfish is reported plentiful on the different ledges but nothing can be done owing to the scarcity of bait.

Aug. 15th from M. Jenkins (Rocky Hr. to Trout River)—Prospects are fair and there is sufficient herring for local use. The prevalence of dogfish prevents good catches of cod being made as the fishermen are unable to use hand lines or trawls. The catch is 2400 qtls. and for last week 600. All the fish caught this week was with jiggers.

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TWO SEINERS MADE BIG TRIPS

Sch. Romance, Capt. John Hickey, stocked \$4262 and the crew shared \$110.77 on her recent seining trip. The Romance was gone but eight days on this trip.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Ambrose Fleet of the William H. Jordan Co., fleet of seiners, stocked \$5100 and the crew shared \$119.83. She was out 13 days.

ANOTHER DAY AND NO OFF-SHORE

For a second day this week, not an off shore arrival was reported up to noon today. Yesterday afternoon, steamer Rough Rider landed 3500 lbs. fresh mackerel, taken in Ipswich Bay which were shipped by the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company to Boston for the market. Heath's trap boat also brought down 1000 pounds small fresh mackerel.

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Str. Rough Rider, seining, 3500 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Heath's trap, 1000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. James W. Parker, shacking.

Sch. Sylvania, shacking.

Sch. Ingomar, halibuting.

Sch. Patriot, drifting.

Sch. Mary J. Beal, swordfishing.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Elk and Dorothy arrived at Lockeport, N. S., Wednesday and cleared.

Salt Mackerel Sale.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Mary E. Harty sold to William H. Jordan & Company at \$17.75 a barrel.

TRYING TO BOOM PRINCE RUPERT

The provincial fisheries department of British Columbia, aided by the Dominion government, is making strenuous efforts to build up Prince Rupert, B. C., the Pacific coast terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, as the chief shipping port on the coast for halibut and salmon, the Pacific Fisherman says. In order to do this it will be necessary for them to persuade the fishing firms of Seattle, Tacoma and Ketchikan to remove to that port, which we doubt very much that they will be successful in doing.

The latest plan of Fisheries Commissioner Bowser, of British Columbia, is to allow American halibut vessels to buy herring bait at Prince Rupert and other northern ports of the province, with the expectation that this action will induce them to transfer their business from Ketchikan and Seattle to Prince Rupert. As the American vessels now fish almost wholly off the Alaska coast, the prospect of securing bait is not so alluring as it might have been several years ago, when the fish were being caught in more southerly waters. The baiting facilities in Southeast Alaska are also far superior to what they were a few years ago.

The Dominion of Canada recently announced that it would at once remove the duty of 2 1/2 cents per gallon on distillate when used by fishing vessels. This was done principally to benefit the fisheries of Prince Rupert and other northern ports of the province, and will amount virtually to the granting of a subsidy equal to the amount of the duty to each power vessel.

For some time the Canadian government has been subsidizing cold storage plants, in order to aid them in competing with American firms. It is said that the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, Ltd., received a subsidy of \$80,000 upon the completion of its large plant at Prince Rupert.

In anticipation of the expected large shipments of fresh and frozen fish from Prince Rupert upon the completion of its line this fall, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has ordered one hundred refrigerator cars from the manufacturers. While this is a comparatively small equipment, yet properly handled they will be able to transport considerable quantities of fish.

The chief difficulty in persuading American firms to move to Prince Rupert has been the strong possibility that the Republicans will win out at the next election, which would mean that two years later they would, if they won the presidential election, abrogate the present one-sided tariff law, and again impose duties on fishery products from Canada, which would either bar them out of this country or else seriously hamper their operations.

New Fish Company in Prince Rupert.

The Rorvik Fish Co., Ltd., has taken over the business of the Ocean Fish Company and location at Government wharf in Prince Rupert. Capt. P. Rorvik is manager of the new company.